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## CAPT. TOMPKINS NEAR DEATH DOOR

Hope was expressed last night by the attending physician that Captain Sallie L. Tompkins, the Clara Barton of the Confederacy, would rally from the illness which for a time was thought fatal. The aged heroine, who lay at death's door all yesterday in the Home for Needy Confederate Women, is one of the two women who ever held military commissions in the Confederate army, a distinction which she won by the sacrifice not only of untold service but her worldly wealth.

As far as has been discovered, Captain Tompkins is suffering more from a breakdown than from any particular disease, being now near her eightieth year. The heroic draine which she made upon her constitution in her services to the Lost Cause and the hardships she underwent are telling now in the shadow of old age, and her intimate friends fear that the end of her wonderful life is drawing near.

Dr. Christopher Tompkins, her nephew, confided to friends of the family that he feared she would not recover, but an unexpected rally last night gave ground for a more cheerful outlook. A marked change for the better was noticed in her condition last night, Dr. Tompkins said, and there is still a chance for recovery.

**Equipped Her Own Hospital.**  
Shortly after the battle of First Manassas Miss Tompkins took for her private means the money necessary to equip and maintain a hospital in Richmond for the wounded soldiers of the Confederate army. This hospital, located on the corner of Third and Main Streets, provided treatment for hundreds of wounded men brought here from the field of battle. In recognition of her splendid management of this hospital, Miss Tompkins was later put at the head of a government hospital, which she conducted with marked ability. She was not only the moving spirit but the executive head of her own institution, which was given the name of Robinson Hospital.

Reward for her sacrifices came in the shape of a captain's commission in the cavalry branch of the Confederate service, drawn and executed by President Davis. During the war Captain Tompkins would never allow her name to be placed on the pay list, although her rank carried a comfortable honorarium, and even after the close of the conflict she would not consent to be put on the pension list of the State. Never in her life has she received one cent in reward for the patriotic generosity of her youth.

The only other woman to be so publicly honored by President Davis was the mother of Captain Joseph E. Willard, Miss Antonia Ford, as she was then, who was created a lieutenant in the Confederate army for her brave action in carrying valuable State papers.

## RICHMOND PLAYERS IN TENNIS CONTESTS

### Miss Dolly Colston Survives Both Preliminary and First Round.

Norfolk, Va., June 18.—The preliminary round in both men's and ladies' singles, and part of the first round in the same classes of the twelfth annual tennis tournament, now being played on the courts of the Norfolk Country Club, were finished this afternoon. No upsets occurred in the men's singles, but in the ladies' class of that event local wielders went down before several of the visitors without more than two straight sets being required.

Miss Dolly Colston, of Richmond, survived both the preliminary and first round. In the preliminary she defeated Miss Maria Tucker, of Norfolk, after the second set had gone to deuce. In advancing from the first round, she clashed with her sister, Miss Margaret Colston, the match giving the only three-set encounter of the afternoon in the women's event. Miss Dolly won after a hotly contested match. She took the first set 6-6, but dropped the second 1-6. The third was in doubt for several games, but Miss Dolly Colston put her sister out of the running by taking it 8-6.

Miss Julia Joyner, of Richmond, dropped out in the preliminary round, losing to Miss Suzanne White in a well-played match by the score of 6-3, 7-5.

In the men's singles, local players made almost a clean sweep, only one of them losing. William Potts, of the University of Virginia, being the survivor. He defeated R. S. Riddleberger, of Norfolk, in two straight sets, both by the score of 6-3. Major Cole and Captain Macfeller, army officers from Fortress Monroe, both went down to defeat before local wielders. Playing with Charles F. McIntosh, Captain Macfeller forced the first set to deuce, losing 7-5, but proved easier in the other, dropping it 6-2. Major Cole lost to Nat Bundy, of Norfolk, in two straight sets, 6-2 and 6-1, putting up a game fight, but being outclassed by the local players.

**Men's Singles.**  
Preliminary round—H. G. Whitehead defeated W. H. J. Taylor, 6-1, 6-1 (played Monday); M. A. Agelasto defeated Reuben Meredith, by default; Richard Tunstall defeated George Zinn, by default; E. L. Miller defeated W. Loughby Cooke, by default; Robert W. Tomlin defeated R. L. Dobie, 6-0, 6-4; W. H. Taylor, Jr., defeated H. H. Riddleberger, by default; William Potts defeated R. H. Riddleberger, 6-3, 6-3; Nat Bundy defeated Major Cole, 6-2, 6-1; J. S. Taylor defeated E. Dubarry, by default; Wm. M. Day defeated H. C. Meredith, by default; Charles F. McIntosh defeated Captain Macfeller, 7-5, 6-2.

First round—H. G. Whitehead defeated M. Agelasto 6-5, 6-3; W. H. Taylor, Jr., defeated R. W. Tomlin 6-2, 6-4; Charles F. McIntosh defeated Rufus Parks, 6-2, 6-0; Charles Tunstall defeated T. M. Melker, 6-1, 1-6, 6-3; Richard Tunstall defeated E. L. Miller, 6-1, 6-0.

**Ladies' Singles.**  
Preliminary round—Miss Portia Baldwin defeated Miss Cornelia Truxton, 7-5, 6-3; Miss Dolly Colston defeated Miss Maria Tucker, 6-2, 7-5; Miss Margaret Colston defeated Miss Lydia Weld, 6-0, 6-2; Miss Virginia Starke defeated Miss Wolcott, 6-4, 6-4; Miss Kate Cooke defeated Miss Margaret Watson, 6-1, 6-0. Mrs. J. Saunders Taylor defeated Mrs. Rufus Parks, 6-1, 6-3 (played Monday); Miss Suzanne White defeated Miss Julia Joyner, 6-3, 7-5.

First round—Miss Baldwin defeated Miss Dorothy Walke, 6-2, 6-1; Miss Dolly Colston defeated Miss Margaret Colston, 8-6, 1-6, 6-6.

## FINNERAN PUZZLE TO SHIPBUILDERS

Yields Only Four Hits, and Norfolk Wins by Score of 5 to 1.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)  
Norfolk, Va., June 18.—Joe Finneran proved again this afternoon that he is one of the best pitchers in the Virginia League when he let the hard-hitting Shipbuilders down with four hits and came near blanking them. They got a man across the plate in the ninth inning on two hits and an infield out. The score:

Newport News.	A.	B.	R.	H.	O.	A.	E.
Bates, 2b.....	4	0	0	2	3	0	
Kirchberger, lf.....	4	0	2	1	0	0	
Oyler, 2b.....	3	0	0	4	2	0	
Wolfe, 1b.....	3	0	0	10	1	0	
Tennant, cf.....	3	0	0	2	0	0	
Flaess, rf.....	3	0	0	0	0	0	
Stevenson, ss.....	3	0	0	2	4	0	
Lane, c.....	3	0	0	2	0	0	
Brown, p.....	3	1	2	1	2	1	
*Evans.....	1	0	0	3	0	0	
Totals.....	39	1	4	24	13	1	

\*Batted for Oyler in ninth.

Norfolk.	A.	B.	R.	H.	O.	A.	E.
Dodge, ss.....	1	1	2	2	5	0	
Kircher, lf.....	1	1	1	1	0	0	
Bigbie, 1b.....	4	0	2	13	2	1	
Hinton, 2b.....	2	0	0	0	2	0	
Keller, rf.....	3	0	1	1	0	0	
Wilson, 3b.....	3	0	0	0	2	0	
Staub, cf.....	2	1	1	1	0	0	
Lucky, c.....	2	2	1	3	0	0	
Finneran, p.....	3	0	0	1	3	0	
Totals.....	27	5	8	27	13	1	

Score by innings.

Newport News..... 0 0 0 0 0 0 6 6 1-1

Norfolk..... 0 0 0 0 2 0 0 1-5

Summary: Two-base hits—Staub, Keller, Stolen bases—Kircher, Dodge to Bigbie, Oyler to Wolfe, to Bates; Oyler to Bates. Left on bases—Newport News, 2; Norfolk, 1. Struck out—by Brown, 7; by Finneran, 2. Bases on balls—off Brown, 2. Batters hit—by Brown, 1 (Staub). Time of game, 1:25. Umpire, Orth. Attendance, 500.

## RICHMOND CHURCH IS CENTURY OLD

First Presbyterian to Observe Centennial With Suitable Exercises on Sunday.

The First Presbyterian Church will next Sunday hold exercises celebrating the 100th anniversary of its founding. This week rounds out its century of useful service. While the formal celebration of the centennial will be held in October, the fact will receive an appropriate observance at next Sunday's services. Rev. Frank T. McFadden, the pastor, will preach a special sermon for the occasion, and there will be special music.

Among the improvements which will be made this summer will be the installation of a new organ. Later in the summer the Synod of Virginia will hold its 1912 session in the church.

**Has Interesting History.**  
The church about to celebrate its centennial had its beginning in a building erected in 1812 on the south side of

Main Street, between Twenty-seventh and Twenty-eighth Streets. Four years later a new building, known as the Pineapple Church, from an ornament on the steeple, was erected on the south side of Grace Street, near Seventeenth. Later the church removed to the north side of Franklin Street, on the square west of the Balford House. In 1851 a new building was erected at Capitol and Tenth Streets, and finally, in 1881, the present structure at the corner of Grace and Madison.

The church has had among its pastors some of the ablest ministers of the Presbyterian Church. Its first pastor was Dr. John Holt Rice. He was succeeded by Rev. William Jessup Armstrong, D. D., 1823-1833; Rev. William Swan Plumer, D. D., 1834-1844; Rev. Thomas Vernon Moore, D. D., 1847-1865; Rev. Thomas Lewis Preston, D. D., 1868-1882, and Rev. Robert Pollok Kerr, D. D., 1884-1902. The present pastor has served since 1903.

## FARMER KILLED BY LIGHTNING

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)  
Danville, Va., June 18.—A. L. Yates, a farmer of Stokesland, was struck and killed by lightning yesterday afternoon at the height of a severe storm which passed over this district. Yates arrived at his house in a buggy just as the rain came on, and he ran for shelter in a stable. While in it, a bolt struck it, tearing off a portion of the roof, and striking the man upon the temple, ran down his body and right leg, splitting the latter completely open. His clothes were all torn from him and his shoes were found about seven feet away. Yates's wife, who was in the house, hearing the crash of thunder, ran out to the stable and found her husband lying dead. Besides his wife, he leaves nine children.

At Pelham two mules were struck dead in the stable of Nat Price, a farmer. The storm did little damage locally. Another storm broke over here this afternoon, the high wind and lightning playing havoc with the telegraph and telephone wires. From all accounts it was most severe at points South, but little knowledge can be obtained as to the extent of the damage on account of lack of telephonic communication.

## WILL QUIT PUBLIC LIFE

**Senator Knute Nelson Will Not Be Candidate for Re-Election.**  
Washington, June 18.—After twenty-eight years' almost continuous service as a public official, Knute Nelson, the venerable senior Senator from Minnesota, will in a few days announce his refusal to again become a senatorial candidate and his permanent retirement from public life. Advancing age and increased responsibilities as a member of the upper house of Congress are given as his reason for quitting public life.

## FIRE DESTROYS AUTOMOBILE, ENTAILING LOSS OF \$1,500

A big touring car, owned by the Virginia Taxicab Company, was destroyed by fire yesterday before daylight in the Brook Road, two miles beyond Yellow Tavern, entailing a loss of about \$1,500, covered by insurance. The blaze was caused by a leak

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